



Departmental Briefings for the Bond Election Advisory Task Force (BEATF) City Facilities Committee

City of Austin
Parks and Recreation Department
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Parks and Recreation Department

Overview



Vision Statement

Create a livable city through people, parks and programs

Mission Statement

To provide, protect and preserve a park system that promotes quality recreational, cultural, and outdoor experiences for the Austin community.

Organizational Goals

- Provide safe and accessible parks and facilities to all citizens
- Provide diversity and sufficiency of recreational opportunities for the community
- Design and maintain environmentally sustainable parks and facilities
- Foster collaboration, coordination, and partnerships throughout the community

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Existing Facilities Summary



- The City of Austin has 18,000 acres of parkland consisting of:
 - ❑ 13 District Parks
 - ❑ 24 Metropolitan Parks
 - ❑ 74 Neighborhood Parks
 - ❑ 23 School Parks
 - ❑ 20 Pocket Parks
 - ❑ 40 Greenways
 - ❑ 5 Golf Courses
 - ❑ 20 Recreation Centers
 - ❑ 3 Senior Activity Centers
 - ❑ 4 Tennis Centers
 - ❑ 50 Aquatic Facilities
 - ❑ 30 Special Parks
 - ❑ 15 Nature Preserves
 - ❑ 5 Cemeteries
- PARD is operated by:
 - ❑ 600+ full-time employees
 - ❑ 1400+ seasonal employees

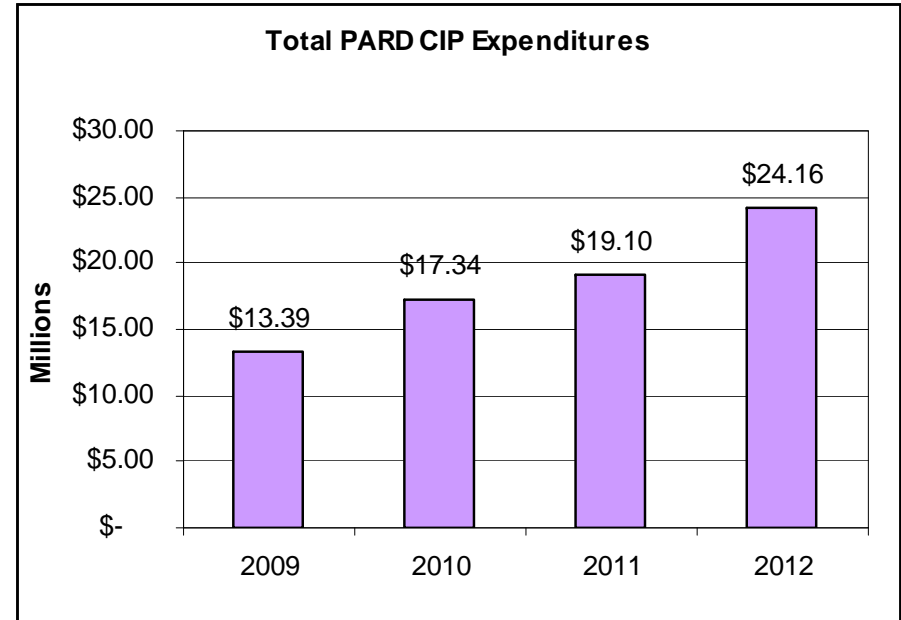


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Capital Program Overview

Funding Sources

- General Obligation Bonds
 - 1998 G.O. Bonds
 - 2006 G.O. Bonds
 - 2010 G.O. Bonds
- Certificates of Obligation
- Parkland Dedication Fees
- Mitigation Fees
- Grants



2011 Capital Project Needs Assessment

Project Identification Process



- April 2011 - Request for project proposal forms department-wide
 - Over 260 projects submitted
- May 2011 - Prioritization of submittals based on Capital Planning Office (CPO) and Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) criteria
 - CPO suggested criteria
 - PARC values and objectives
- June 2011 - Projects submitted to CPO for review
- Applied CPO Planning Questionnaire
 - Guiding Principles
 - Imagine Austin Plan
 - PARC Long Range Plan

Capital Program Overview: Preserve, restore and enhance existing facilities to sustainably serve current and growing demand for high-quality recreational opportunities city-wide.



Bond Proposal – Overall Structure








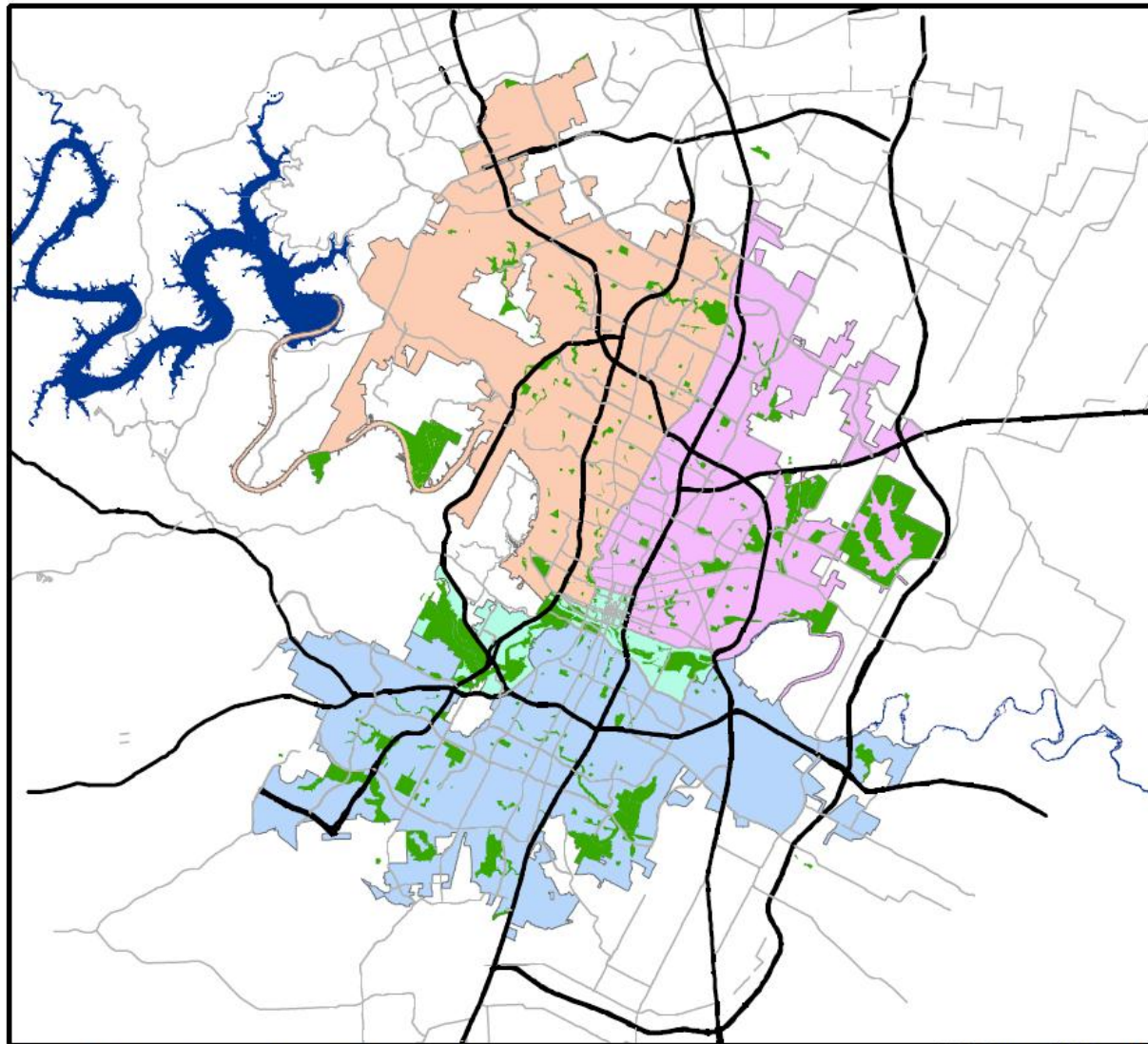
- City-wide Programs
- Operation and Maintenance Facilities
- Recreation and Cultural Facilities
- Metropolitan Parks
- District Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Pocket Parks
- Greenbelts and Preserves





Legend

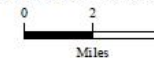
-  City of Austin Parks
- PARD Service Districts*
 -  Central
 -  Northeast
 -  Northwest
 -  South



PARD Service Districts

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Operation and Maintenance Facilities



- Zilker Metropolitan Park – Maintenance Barn Replacement
- Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park – Northwest District Maintenance Facility
- Central Maintenance Complex – Renovation and Urban Forestry Expansion
- Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park – Northeast District Maintenance Yard Improvements
- New Facilities – South District Maintenance Facility



Operations and Maintenance Facilities

Case Study: Zilker Maintenance Barn

- Current issues:
 - ❑ Environmentally sensitive location
 - ❑ Insufficient storage space for equipment
 - ❑ Lack of security for stored tools/materials
- New facility:
 - ❑ Centralized location for improved service
 - ❑ Larger maintenance yard
 - ❑ Restoration of current site on Barton Creek
 - ❑ LEED certified design and construction



Operations and Maintenance Facilities

Case Study: South District Maintenance Facility

- Current issues:
 - ❑ Insufficient storage space for equipment
 - ❑ Lack of security for stored tools/materials
 - ❑ Inadequate administrative office space
 - ❑ Lack of ADA compliance
- New facility:
 - ❑ Administrative offices and staff locker room
 - ❑ Expanded maintenance yard
 - ❑ LEED certified design and construction
 - ❑ Opportunity for CoA co-development



Operations and Maintenance Facilities

Case Study: Northwest District Maintenance Facility

- Current issues:
 - ❑ Insufficient storage space for equipment
 - ❑ Lack of security for stored tools/materials
 - ❑ Inadequate administrative office space
- New facility:
 - ❑ Administrative offices and staff locker room
 - ❑ Expanded maintenance yard
 - ❑ Improved utility connections
 - ❑ LEED certified design and construction
 - ❑ Opportunity for CoA co-development



Summary



- PARD Capital Improvement Program:
 - Preserve, restore and enhance existing facilities to sustainably serve current and growing demand for high-quality recreational opportunities city-wide.



Questions?

